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Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman – Federal Communications Commission
c/o:
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW,
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

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Docket # 12-267

Dear Chairman Pai:


I am writing to you as a small business owner to applaud and support the pending FCC order to “grandfather” in temporary-fixed earth station modulators from a costly and forced CID modulator upgrade.

SAT-LINK of Arkansas owns and operates two KU Band Satellite News Gathering Vehicles. Our business is already undergoing many technological and financial stress points with the competition we face from “bonded cellular transmission” devices such as LiveU.

Our business income is down more than 30% because of these changes and if we were forced to purchase and install new modulators to meet the former FCC proposal we would have faced upgrade costs approaching \$60,000. That pending decision had us evaluating whether we could keep our doors open – or close the business resulting in job losses and less taxes paid.

Obviously, we welcome the draft FCC order to allow non-software upgradable modulators to continue to be in service. This order that soon comes before the Commission in August will keep our doors open.

Sincerely Yours,


Ron Blome
President
SAT-LINK Of Arkansas

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